

# **SPEAK**UP

for your  
**school**



## **Our schools need more money**

Our schools are at crisis point. Funding has slumped in real terms by 8% since 2010 and the worst hit schools could lose up to 15% of their funding by 2022.

Teaching assistants in secondary schools have been cut by 12%, and technicians across schools by 14%. TAs in primary schools are being made redundant despite higher pupil numbers, including more with special educational needs.

Schools are already facing restructuring and redundancies because of funding pressures. And now costs and inflation are rising, making things worse. **UNISON is campaigning to ensure that all schools are properly funded and to stop cuts in your local schools.**

We need our schools to be safe, healthy and happy places for children and young people to learn in. But dedicated support staff are bearing the brunt of the cuts in admin, facilities, cleaning – and the classroom.

School staff tell us they are near breaking point despite their commitment to keep schools running.

We are asking parents, teachers, politicians and the public to work with us to campaign for the funding our schools deserve.



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## I want to stop the school cuts – what can I do?

**Together we can make a difference.**

### If you're a parent...

- Talk to your head teacher, governors, MP or local councillors – or just one of them! Let them know how underfunding has affected your school and that you want the cuts reversed.

### If you work in a school...

- Talk to your colleagues, your union rep and your management team about the cuts.
- Join 250,000 other people who work in schools in UNISON – the union for school support staff in the UK. The more members who speak out, the stronger your voice will be in your school.

### Everybody...

- See our resources for campaigning to protect your school at **[www.unison.org.uk/speakupforschools](http://www.unison.org.uk/speakupforschools)**
- Contact your MP and tell them of the cuts you know about so they can raise it as a concern in parliament
- Let your local councillors know that our schools need more money, not more cuts (most are elected on a small vote so they care what you think)
- Join the UNISON in Schools Facebook page and follow @UNISONinSchools on Twitter
- Tell us about local cuts you have heard about. Email: **[education@unison.co.uk](mailto:education@unison.co.uk)**
- Tell your local UNISON branch about the cuts.

### Who to contact

- Email your MP
- Find your UNISON branch by calling **0800 0 857 857**
- Find your local councillor online. Search 'councillors' at **[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)**
- UNISON in Schools Facebook and Twitter #Speakupforschools
- Email **[education@unison.co.uk](mailto:education@unison.co.uk)**

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